

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 586

BY SENATOR WELD

[Introduced February 07, 2022; referred to
the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-2-25e, relating to allowing students to transfer schools and retain his or
 3 her athletic eligibility at least one-time during a student’s four years of secondary school.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25e. Athletic eligibility of transfer students.

1 (a) The West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission shall modify its rule, prior
 2 to the 2022-2023 school year, to allow for students to transfer schools and retain athletic eligibility
 3 at least one time during a student’s four years of secondary school (9-12).

4 (b) The State Board of Education, in its review and adoption of West Virginia Secondary
 5 Schools Activities Commission’s rule described in this section, shall ensure that the rule
 6 modification achieves the intent of this section to not require a student to undergo one year of
 7 athletic ineligibility if the student transfers secondary schools after the student’s ninth grade year.

8 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to limit or restrict:

9 (1) A student’s ability to transfer back to the student’s residential district and participate in
 10 athletics as currently permitted by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission’s
 11 rules; or

12 (2) The West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission’s ability to make eligibility
 13 determinations on a case-by-case basis when warranted by a student’s circumstances in
 14 accordance with the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission’s rules.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the procedure for athletic eligibility of transfer students.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.